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From: CAG Administrator [vbi170cag@gmail.com]
Sent: 6/23/2019 6:00:20 PM
To: Aviles, Jesse [Aviles.Jesse@epa.gov]
CC: Chergo, Jennifer [Chergo.Jennifer@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Last Tuesday comments

Jesse,

Bridget may have implied that there were some racial disparities in how she perceives the different CAGs being supported by EPA Region 8. I didn't hear her call anyone at the meeting a racist. Just to make sure I didn't miss that word leaving her lips, I fact checked with another meeting attendee. They confirmed that they did not hear Bridget call anyone a racist.

It is difficult to ignore that there are differences in how, for example, the Lowry Landfill CAG is supported vs how the VB/I-70 CAG is supported by the EPA and other local agencies, based on agendas, agency and elected official attendance, audio/visual support for onsite and remote attendees, materials and information, website support and conversations with people involved with both groups. We stand with our neighbors living within the VB/I-70 neighborhoods and are working for equal resources, representation and protection that has been withheld from them previously.

Regards,

Kim

On Fri, Jun 21, 2019 at 8:36 AM Aviles, Jesse <Aviles.Jesse@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello Kim:

Last Tuesday Bridget call us racists. The facilitator will call out such accusations in the next meetings. If the accusations continue, the person will be asked to leave. If the person doesn't agree to leave, EPA will leave the meeting. Race does not restrict our dedication.

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